

Panel Attorney Programs

Winning Strategies Series

Seattle, WA, March 31-April, 2, 2005

Minneapolis, MN, July 21-23, 2005

Philadelphia, PA, September 15-17, 2005

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The Winning Strategies seminars this year will address various areas of federal criminal practice, generally spinning off of Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment issues, with a half day committed to federal sentencing law and practice. The seminar will feature a number of break-out sessions, to give participants a choice of topics, and allow for smaller classes. Sessions will provide innovative ideas for seasoned CJA practitioners. Newer CJA practitioners will find sessions to give them the information they need to build an effective federal practice.

Sentencing Advocacy Workshop

April 28-April 30, 2005

Location: Santa Monica, CA

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The Sentencing Advocacy Workshop focuses on an often neglected, yet extremely important area of practice. Since approximately 97% of federal criminal cases proceed to the sentencing phase, and the recent developments in federal sentencing law have resulted in a new sentencing landscape, participation in the Sentencing Advocacy Workshop should not be missed. The program presents a comprehensive approach to sentencing advocacy. Participants will learn a process for the development of a persuasive, fact-based sentencing theory, and the advocacy skills necessary to advance that theory in writing and during sentencing hearings. Among other subjects, presentations and demonstrations will address changes in federal sentencing law, judging at sentencing, use of a sentencing specialist, storytelling, and persuasive writing. The workshop consists of plenary sessions and small group breakouts. In the small group breakouts, participants will use a case of their own to brainstorm facts, develop a theory and theme, tell a story, and persuasively write a portion of their sentencing memo or downward departure motion.

Trial Advocacy Workshop

June 23-25, 2005

Location: San Francisco, CA

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The Trial Advocacy Workshop focuses on the use of courtroom technology to advance the persuasiveness of witness examination and argument skills. Participants will enhance their cross examination, direct examination, and closing argument skills by applying courtroom technology, such as Trial Director and Power Point. Since many federal courtrooms are now “wired” with the latest computer technology, and this technology has proven to be persuasive and effective, participation in the Trial Advocacy Workshop will be particularly timely. Faculty will conduct presentations and demonstrations on evidentiary issues associated with using technology, using Power Point and Trial Director in the courtroom, cross and direct examination, closing argument, among other topics. There will also be small group breakouts in which participants will apply the skills presented in the plenary sessions to the facts of the mock case with which they will be provided. Each participant will practice cross examination, direct examination, and closing argument using the Trial Director and Power Point technology.

Complex Litigation Seminar

August 18-20, 2005

Location: San Francisco, CA

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With the increasing number of multiparty and complex cases being brought in federal court, this seminar is intended to address important and practical issues faced in this type of litigation, including the impact on counsel's role, handling pretrial procedures, joint defense agreements, discovery issues, the effective use of technology, trial administration, case budgeting, and others.